



BENELUX LINK

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80th Area Support Group





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80th ASG Commander

Commander's Column

I hope you really enjoy this inaugural issue of the **BENELUX Link**. This first publication is web-based, but future editions will be in hard copy and distributed at Schinnen, Chievres, and Brussels. This publication is designed to do two things: to give you timely information about activities across the 80th Area Support Group (yes **all** activities, a month ahead) and to give everyone a glimpse of the events you may not have heard about elsewhere. I hope that with this information you can make informed decisions about where to spend your leisure time, and what opportunities are available, to include recreation, school, or command-sponsored events. I believe that there is something here to meet your needs. If not, this improved flow of information will help us become aware of your needs.

Armed with information about what is happening a few weeks out, we hope that you will check the ASG newspaper, **The Meteor-Heraut**, formally known as **The Benelux Meteor**, for current information. Our ASG newspaper is published every two weeks, and I recommend it to you. It too contains information you need, whether you live in Belgium or The Netherlands. Recently, we have had three themed editions, that if you missed, I encourage you to look for. One was a newcomer special edition, another was on the upcoming 60th Anniversary of World War II events, particularly the Battle of the Bulge, and the other edition was a travel edition. For late breaking information, I encourage you to visit two on-line sites. The first is the ASG web site located at <http://www.80asg.army.mil>. If you haven't visited this web site lately, I encourage you to do so now. It contains web links to help you find useful, personal information, such as movie schedules, shopping and safety information. Included is the Armed Forces Network (AFN) link for SHAPE at the right side of the web page, or you can find it directly at <http://www.afneurope.net/SHAPE>. That is the second web site I encourage you to visit. AFN SHAPE TV and radio air spots of local interest and information are linked to this site and archived, so you never have to miss a local interest story or announcement. Yes, you can get both audio and video spots at the AFN SHAPE web site and the radio news includes the latest local news. You can also find upcoming concert information by checking the "Who's Coming" tab at the left of the AFN SHAPE site. Watch for new command information spots on AFN SHAPE. It is my command channel to you. If you don't have internet access, I encourage you to listen to AFN radio at 89.2 in Schinnen, 106.5 in SHAPE, 107.9 in Chievres, or 101.7 in Brussels.

We are trying to improve our flow of information to you. I encourage you to use the **BENELUX Link** and to tell us if there is additional information that you need or would like access to. We want you to personally know about the opportunities that surround you. It's all about meeting mission and having a great sense of well-being here in the BENELUX. Let's sharpen the information sword together.



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For more 80th ASG information, please visit <http://www.80asg.army.mil>

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Knightly Dreams

A new work by SHAPE's own
Ann K. Andersen.

Friday, Nov 19, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 20, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 20, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 21, 3 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Bldg. 207, SHAPE

DSN 423-4257/3312

CIV 06544.33.12

The Box Office is open

Monday through Friday from

2-5:30 p.m.

This show stars some 60 odd children and about 20 brave adults! Come and join us for an evening of magical, mystical merriment as three young lads go on a quest to become Knights in Shining Armor.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Auditions for the SHAPE Player Tournament of Plays Entries occur Dec 13 from 6-8 p.m., Dec 14 from 7:30-9 p.m., Dec 15 from 4-6 p.m. Call backs will be held on Thursday, Dec 16 at 6 p.m. You will need to make an appointment.

The audition will begin and end at the above times and you must be available to stay for the entire audition. Materials will be available after Nov 19. You will be asked to sing and dance as well as read from a script. We will be casting the adult comedy THE FOOD CHAIN and the Disney Musical BEAUTY AND THE BEAST for performances in March 2005! There are roles for both adults and children.

BENELUX LINK salutes the SHAPE Entertainment Centre and the play "Knightly Dreams" starring, Timothy; A.J. Robinson, Kendall; Alexandra Nicopoulos, Clarence; Austin Leftwich, King Arthur; Steve Leftwich.

Cover photo by: William Audretsch



Lending Closets Available

Arriving and leaving a duty station can be challenging especially when you discover that an item you need is in your shipment and has already left the port.

When this happens you do have the option to purchase the basic necessities - or you can take advantage of the installation lending closet sometimes known as lending locker, a free Army Community Service (ACS) service that loans basic household items until yours arrive.

The 80th ASG ACS has lending closets available to US ID card holders. The lending closet has the basic items that you need such as dishes, flatware, glasses and cookware (pots, pans, and baking dishes.) In addition, the closet offers small kitchen appliances, such as toasters and coffee makers. You can also borrow baby car seats, high chairs, pack and go cribs, strollers, irons, ironing boards and vacuum cleaners. Sorry, no linens or towels are available.

Stop by and check out the new look at the lending closet located on SHAPE. There are lending closets available at NSA, Brussels and Schinnen, the Netherlands.

LENDING CLOSETS

ACS Relocation Program

SHAPE, Bldg. 318

DSN 423-4332

M-Fr 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Schinnen, Bldg. 39,

Family Support Center

The Netherlands

DSN 360-7500/7512

Open M-Fr 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

NSA, Bldg. 4

DSN 368-9783/9729

Open M-Fr 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The lending closet is open to any US ID card holder who is making a permanent change of station (PCS) to or from an installation and who is command-sponsored. Items are available to you regardless of whether you are moving into government quarters or on the local economy. Most items are loaned for 30 days. If your household goods have still not arrived after a month, you will be allowed to extend the loan for up to an additional 60 days.

Do be careful though, because if you damage, break or lose an item, you will be expected to replace it and pay may be docked even if the spouse is the one who checked out the items.

Remember to make an appointment and bring a copy of your orders.

So save yourself some money and check out the lending closet in your community.

THREE STAR LOUNGE

Bldg. 1, NSA Brussels
DSN 368-9732;
CIV 02717.97.32
Open: Th 7 p.m.- Midnight,
Fr 5 p.m.-1 a.m. and
Sa 7 p.m.-1 a.m.

Right Arm Night

Friday, Nov 5 at 5 p.m.

FRG Talent Show

Friday, Nov 5 at 7 p.m.

Karaoke Night

Saturday, Nov 6 at 9 p.m.

Movie Night

Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Nov 4th Scooby Doo 2 (PG)

Nov 18th The Passion of Christ (R)

CYS Teen Dance

Wednesday, Nov 10, 7-10 p.m.

Open Mike Night

Thursday, Nov 12 at 9 p.m.

Bunco Night

Saturday, Nov 20 at 7 p.m.

Oldies Night

Saturday, Nov 20 at 9 p.m.

Single Soldier Thanksgiving Lunch

Tuesday, Nov 23 at 11:30 a.m.

to 1 p.m.

The Three Star Lounge is closed
Nov 11, 13 and 25.

MULTI CRAFT CENTER

Bldg. 2, NSA Brussels
DSN 368-9629
CIV 02717.96.29
Open: W and Th 2-9 p.m.,
Fr 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and
Sa/Su 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,
Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

Art of Jewelry Making

Classes held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. The cost is \$12 (materials not covered). When you sign up for the first class, you receive a **free** pair of pliers.

Framing

Classes are held every Thursday from 2-6 p.m. Do it yourself framing classes are now in session. Cost for class including matt, backboard, glass, and instructor time is \$30.00.

Art Restoration Service

Service is available all year round. All you need to do is bring in the painting you would like restored, or even re-stretched onto a new frame. No appointment is needed, just bring the item along when the center is open.

Engraving Service

Engraving is available all year. No appointment is needed, just bring the item and a note of what you would like engraved.

Prints & Tapestries of Brussels

New prints along with new tapestries of Brussels are for sale. This is the perfect gift. Items cost from \$15-\$63.

Children's Basic Ceramics

A fee of \$20 includes instruction, use of in-house slip, tools and paints. Please call to schedule an appointment.

Ceramic Shop is open on
Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Adult Basic Ceramics

For a fee of \$30.00 receive ceramic instruction, a two gallon box of slip, in-house tools and paints. Please call the center to schedule an appointment.

**Interested in joining BOSS?**

Call DSN 368-5343 or
CIV 02707.53.43

MORE MULTI CRAFT CENTER**NSA Wood Shop**

Located at the Multi Craft Center.
Open: W Noon-8 p.m.,
Fr 9 a.m.-6 p.m.,
Sa/Su 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sign up for the safety instruction class. The class costs \$11 and must be completed before using the wood shop. After the class, you may use the wood shop facility at a small charge of \$4/hr.

**NSA Auto Craft Center**

Bldg 1, NSA Brussels

DSN 368-9743

CIV 02717.97.43

Open: W-Su 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Get your vehicle's winter check now through February for \$30. Your vehicle is given the full check over; do not get left behind in the winter, make sure your vehicle is good for the winter rain, snow and ice.

Motorcycle classes are on going every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$45 for a six week course.

"Automotive Classes for Dummies" are held every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and cost \$25.

Contact the Auto Shop to sign up for the classes and to schedule an appointment for your vehicle's winter check.

NSA OUTDOOR RECREATION

DSN 368-9775

CIV 021717.97.75

CELL 047468.35.44

The City of Lights

Saturday, Nov 6 tour of Paris
Bus tour of famous capital landmarks.
Bus returns same afternoon.
Cost for adults \$ 40, Children under 12 is \$ 33.

Fishing Trip

Saturday, Nov 13. Cost for trip is \$50. Includes bus transportation.

**Multi-Craft Center**

Bldg 1, NSA Brussels

027/17.96.29 or DSN 368-9629

Planning your child's birthday party?

How about the Multi-Craft Center's
Ceramic Area!

The fee is \$10 per child for the first six children, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth child go FREE. (maximum of ten children).

The Ceramic Area is open on Saturdays
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Call today to schedule your party.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bldg. 318, SHAPE
DSN 423-5324; CIV 06544.53.24
Open M-Fr, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sponsorship Training

Bldg. 318, ACS, SHAPE
DSN 423-4332; CIV 06544.43.32
Be the best sponsor that you can be by attending this class and learning all the basics, Nov 3 at 10 a.m.

Make the Right Move

Bldg. 318, ACS, SHAPE
DSN 423-4332; CIV 06544.43.32
Are you prepared for your next PCS move? Attend this class on Nov 3 at 2 p.m. and make this your best PCS move ever.

Cultural Adaptation Trip

Bldg. 318, ACS, SHAPE
DSN 423-4332; CIV 06544.43.32
Learn about the Belgian culture and shop at a discount warehouse. If you are interested give ACS a call today to find out details on the next trip scheduled for Nov 13.

80th ASG Newcomer's Brief

Hotel Le Maisieres
DSN 423-4332; CIV 06544.43.32
Learn all about the Benelux area on Nov 4 at 8:30 a.m. Now a complimentary lunch is provided by United Furniture.

**Take the Bus**

Hotel Le Maisieres
DSN 423-4332; CIV 06544.43.32
On Nov 4 at 1:30 p.m.
(after the Newcomer's Brief) meet at Hotel Le Maisieres for an introduction to the Belgian bus system.

Take the Train

Bldg. 318, ACS, SHAPE
DSN 423-4332; CIV 06544.43.32
On Friday, Nov 26, let ACS teach you how to use the Belgian train system. Sign up today!

Anger Management Course

Bldg. 318, ACS, SHAPE
DSN 423-5263; CIV 06544.52.63
Is your life sometimes overwhelming and do stress and demands keep piling up? Let ACS help you deal with those difficulties. Classes are once a week on Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m. Contact ACS to sign up.

Job Opportunities Workshop

Bldg. 318, Room 118, SHAPE
DSN 423-4904; CIV 06544.49.04
Every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to Noon a workshop is held to assist in job and career development and to search for employment opportunities in the area. Pre-registration is required.

NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

The following are classes held at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility in the 2nd floor conference room. For more information on these classes, please call DSN 423-4274 CIV 06544.42.63/42.74.

Infant Massage Class

Come to the Infant Massage Class on Thursdays in November from 11 a.m. to Noon.

Childbirth Education Class

Scheduled for Nov 10, 17, and 24 from 5-7 p.m.

Breast Feeding Support Group

Scheduled for Nov 16 from 11 a.m.-Noon.

Play Morning

Scheduled for Nov 9, 23 from 9-11 a.m.
SHAPE Health Clinic, in the EDIS playroom is located on the second floor.

Rendez-vous with French!

Hotel Le Maisieres
DSN 423-7598; CIV 06544.75.98
Looking for some basic French language skills? Let ACS help with this free class for beginners. The class is scheduled on Nov 23 from 9:30 a.m. until Noon. Registration is required.

W.E.B. Office

Hotel Le Maisieres
DSN 423-6252 or DSN 366-6252
The Welcoming Everyone to Belgium office is designed to give community members and newcomers the chance to meet with each other for communication, support, and assistance. The office is located at the Hotel Le Maisieres next to the American Lounge. The office is open M-Fr, 9 a.m.-Noon.

Don't miss the Job Opportunities Briefing!**Scheduled for Nov 17**

ACS Building 318 on SHAPE 9 a.m. to Noon. This workshop assists in job search, career development and employment opportunities in the area.



Held at the SHAPE Health Facility, EDIS Playroom

PRIME TIME LOUNGE

Bldg. 7 Daumerie Caserne
DSN 361-5540; CIV 06827.55.40
Food is served Mon-Fri
Breakfast 6-9 a.m.,
Lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,
Dinner 5-8 p.m.
Bar opens daily at 5 p.m.

COUNTRY NIGHT

Every 2nd Saturday of the month
at 8:30 p.m.

KARAOKE NIGHT

Every Friday night at 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER

Hangar 4, Chievres Air Base
Fitness Center and Library are also
located in the CAC.
DSN 361-5506; CIV 06827.55.06
E-mail address:
Chievresactivitycenter@benelux.army.mil

The CAC is available for private
and official functions to include
a variety of events from Holiday
Bazaars to Birthday Parties.

FITNESS CENTER

Chievres Air Base, CAC
Open: Mon-Fri: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sat/Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed SHAPE holidays

LIBRARY

Chievres Air Base, CAC
Tues-Fri: Noon to 6 p.m.,
Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Closed Sundays, Mondays and
SHAPE holidays.

**HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING**

CHIEVRES AIR BASE
Community Activity Center
Friday, Dec 3, 5 p.m.
BOSS will sell beverages and snacks
AAFES Bazaar, 3-5 Dec

Kick off the Season at the Annual
Tree Lighting Ceremony.
Immediately following the ceremony
and the arrival of the BIG GUY
(Santa), get your child's photo taken
for free! Compliments of MWR.

CHIEVRES BOARDING KENNEL

Chievres Air Base
DSN 361-5436; CIV 06827.54.36
Open: M-Fr 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
(Closed for Lunch 1-2 p.m.),
Sa 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Su
2-4:30 p.m.

Need to go out of town?
The Kennel provides your pet
quality care - and give you peace
of mind.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Bldg. 207, SHAPE
DSN 423-4257/3312,
CIV 06544.33.12
Box Office open M-Fr 2-5:30 p.m.

Adult Acting Class

Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the
Entertainment Centre for those age
15 and above. Explore how to
audition, characterization and the
principles of acting technique.
20€ for 12 sessions.

Salsa Dancing Lessons

Come out to the IC Club on
SHAPE on Monday evenings
and learn how to SALSA.
For more info, call DSN 423-5808.

ARTS & CRAFTS CENTRE

Bldg. 209, SHAPE
DSN 423-4680,
CIV 06544.46.80
Office Open:
M-Th 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and
Fr 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Nov 2-5. The Arts and Crafts Centre
will offer children's classes during
the *All Saints Recess*.

The holidays are upon us so book
a class and make some of your
holiday gifts and decorations; make
a basket, create an Intarsia
(melted wax) picture, make a
quilted table runner or festive wall
hanging, frame a family portrait
to give to the grandparents,
finger paint a porcelain plate/bowl,
pour and decorate a unique
ceramic piece or make various
shaped candles. The possibilities
are endless and your gifts will be
heartfelt and truly unique.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Community Activity Center,
Bldg. 307, SHAPE
DSN: 423-5380
Open: M-Fr: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Closed Saturdays and Sundays
Stop by today and pick up a price list!

TRIPS AND TOURS

Bldg 307, SHAPE
DSN 423-3884 or CIV 06544.38.84
Open M-Fr 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
<http://www.Shapeonline.net>.
Visit the website for a complete
listing of trips. For prices or
information on other trips not listed,
please contact Trips and Tours.

**SUMO SUIT Rental**

The BOSS Sumo Suits are available
for rent all year long. The rates are
\$/€ 50 a day for 1 set or \$/€75 a day
for 2 sets (mats are not included).
Call DSN 361-5562 for details.

**JOIN BOSS**

BOSS meetings are scheduled every
first and third Thursday of the month
at 1:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Community
Activity Center. The next meetings are
Nov 4 and Nov 18. The official BOSS
email address is:
80asgboss@benelux.army.mil.

Toy Drive Kickoff

Monday, Nov 8. Participate in this
year's BOSS Toy Drive. All donations
go to the Children's Hospital and
Orphanage Christmas Party. Toy pick
ups are scheduled for Saturday, Dec 4
in the following US Housing areas:
Casteau, Maisieres, Green Park, Lens
and Ghlin. There will also be boxes
available in the community for others
to participate. Toys should be new
and unwrapped.

Canned Food Drive

Look for collection boxes on Chievres.
All food donations go to families in the
community who are in need.

BOSS End of the Year Dinner

Saturday, Nov 20 Join BOSS for a
night of reflection and fun.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bldg. 39, Schinnen
DSN 360-7500/7367,
CIV 0464.43.75.00/73.67
Open: M-Fr 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

For more information on the following classes, please call DSN 360-7335 or CIV 0464.43.73.35

Infant Massage Class

Come meet others at the Schinnen ACS Conference Room and learn the benefits of massage for you and your child. The Infant Massage Classes are on Nov 2 and 16 at 10 a.m.

**Playgroup For Toddlers**

An interactive and educational playgroup designed to develop parenting skills and gives parents and kids a chance to socialize. On Nov 4, the Schinnen Playgroup for Toddlers will meet at the Schinnen Sports Center from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

OB Orientation/Prenatal Education

This class is scheduled on Nov 9 at the GK Clinic Conference Room from 10 a.m.-Noon.

La Leche League

Dedicated to providing education, information, support, and encouragement to women who want to breast feed. The next class is scheduled for Nov 17 and 24 at Schinnen ACS Conference Room at 10 a.m.

Army Emergency Relief

Schinnen
DSN 360-7450,
CIV 0464.43.74.50
Open: M-Fr 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance

Schinnen
DSN 360-7450; CIV 0464.43.74.50
Open: M-Fr 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

INSTALLATION VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Bldg. 39 Schinnen
DSN 360-7451
CIV 046443.74.51
Open: M-Fr 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Now is the time to become a volunteer.

OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Bldg. 39, Schinnen
DSN 360-7451,
CIV 0464.43.74.51
Open: M-Fr 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

FAMILY ADVOCACY

Bldg. 39, Schinnen
DSN 360-7453,
CIV 0464.43.74.53
Open: M-Fr 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYMENT

Bldg. 39, Schinnen
DSN 360-7269,
CIV 0464.43.72.69
Open: M-Fr 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



ACS is kicking-off the "Month of the Military Family" with a cake cutting and ACS family showcase on Nov 2 from Noon-3 p.m. at the Schinnen PX. For details, call DSN 360-7500 or CIV 0464.43.75.00. Join us on Nov 14 and 21 for Family Bowling from 1-3 p.m. And on Nov 18 from 4-7 p.m., join ACS for Military Appreciation Day for free light dinner with homemade chili. And on Nov 20, from 1-3 p.m., the Geilenkirchen Family Support Center is hosting the 10th Annual Winter Woods Walk. Our tri-border families are welcome to join in on the celebration of the family walk. For more details, call the GK FSC at DSN 458-6015 or 0049.2451.63.37.91.

FITNESS & SPORTS

Bldg. 38, Schinnen
DSN 360-7561,
CIV 0464.43.75.61
Open: M-Fr 6 a.m.-8 p.m.,
Sa/Su and holidays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fitness Classes

Get fit with MWR!
Mondays and Wednesdays
Taeko/Kickboxing from 6-7 p.m.,
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Step Aerobics from 6-7 p.m.,
and also on Thursdays take
Body Balance from 5-6 p.m.

BOWLING CENTER

Bldg. 40, Schinnen
DSN 360-7207, CIV 0464.43.72.07
Open: W-Sa 11 a.m.-9 p.m.,
Su 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed Mondays
and Tuesdays.

The Bowling Center offers a 12-lane house with Cosmic Bowling, bowling leagues, open bowling, and a youth bowling program.

Cosmic Bowling

Every Friday at 6 p.m. come on out to the Schinnen Bowling Center.

INDOOR SWIMMING POOL

Bldg. H605, AFNorth
Located next to the Arts and Crafts Center and the Tennis Courts
DSN 364-3172, CIV 0454.43.31.72
Open: T-Fr 4-7 p.m., and Sa and Su from Noon-4 p.m.
Enjoy the indoor pool or take advantage of a variety of instructional classes. Catered parties and special events are available for a nominal fee.

AUTO HOBBY SHOP

AFNorth
DSN 364-3173; CIV 0455.26.31.73,
Open: W 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Th 1-9 p.m.
Fr Noon-8 p.m., and Sa 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

**MWR BOSS OFFICE**

Treebeek Education Center,
Room # 114
DSN 364-6141; CIV 0455.63.61.41

JOIN BOSS

Meetings are scheduled on Nov 4 and 18.

Red Cross News

The American Red Cross mission is to improve the quality of human life, enhance self-reliance, and to help people avoid, prepare for and cope with emergencies. The organization provides a variety of programs and services throughout military communities in the Benelux and around the world. The 80th ASG community is supported by the Red Cross located on SHAPE Bldg 318, 2nd floor, DSN 423-4008 or CIV 065.44.4008 and is open Monday through Fridays from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. There is also an office open in Geilenkirchen in support of those 80th ASG community members living in the Netherlands. The Geilenkirchen office is open Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9:45 a.m. The phone number is 0049.2451.63.20.68.

HERE ARE THE EVENTS PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER.

Babysitter's Training

Babysitter's Training prepares teens for the responsibilities of providing basic care and supervision to infants and children during their important developmental years.

Nov 6, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Nov 16-18, 4-6 p.m.

Dec 14-16, 4-6p.m.

CPR/FA Classes

CPR/FA Classes provides training in cardiac, choking and respiratory emergencies for Adults, Children, and Infants. Training also includes instruction.

Basic First Aid.

Nov 9-10, 5:30p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Nov 20, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Nov 22-23, 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Dec 7-8, 5:30p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Dec 11, 8:30p.m.-6 p.m.

Pet First

Pet First Aid program teaches pet owners prompt, effective actions and care that will safeguard the life of an injured pet.

Nov 19, 4-8 p.m.

Dec 4, 8:30-12:30

Dec 17, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Bingo (Crystal Bingo Night)

Nov 18, 7:00 p.m., SHAPE IC Club

Come out for a fun night of Bingo and win some Crystal.

1 €/ \$ per ticket. (You don't have to be present to win the GRAND TOMBOLA.)

Tickets for the Grand Tombola can be bought in advance or the night of the Bingo. Stop by the American Red Cross office in BLDG 318 on SHAPE to buy your ticket. GRAND TOMBOLA is a CRYSTAL CHANDELIER.



Winter on its way! Are you prepared?

With winter right around the corner, now is the time to prepare your home. First make sure your mazout (fuel) tank is more than half full. If not, there could be serious problems because a tank with low or no gas can damage furnaces and plumbing and repair costs can be costly for you.

Secondly, know who to call. Make sure you have the phone numbers of the housing office and your landlord on hand. If the housing office is open, that should be your first call. If not, then get in touch with your landlord. For emergency translation assistance, you can call the PMO office on SHAPE at DSN 423-3333. Never contact a technician without first letting the housing office or landlord know or you could be charged with the repair costs, even if the problem was not your responsibility.

Finally, visit www.80asg.army.mil for a complete list of winter preparedness information. Also, stop by the International Housing Office (IHO) located on SHAPE in building 210 or call them at DSN 423-4681. The office is open M-Th 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m., and Fr from 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4:30 p.m.

Don't get caught without any heat!

YOUTH SERVICES

Bldg. H603, AFNorth

DSN 364-3595,

CIV 0455.26.35.95

Open: M-Fr: 3:30-6 p.m. (after school) and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (non-school days).

Youth in grades 6 thru 8 must be registered as YS members and the annual fee is \$15

Youth Services offers special activities on Nov 16, 17, 18 and half day on Nov 19.

Teen Center

JFC Brunssum

DSN 364-3033/3008,

CIV 0455.26.30.33

Sports Director is DSN 364-2023

Open: M-Fr: 3:30-6 p.m. (after school) and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (non-school days).

Youth in grades 9-12 must be registered as YS members to use the center. There is no cost to register.

CYS CENTRAL ENROLLMENT AND REGISTRATION

Treebeek

DSN 364-6221,

CIV 0455.63.62.21,

Office Open: M-Fr 8 a.m.-Noon for walk-ins; Closed from Noon-1 p.m. for lunch and 1-5 p.m. by appointment only.

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Brunssum

DSN 364-2575,

CIV 0455.26.25.75,

Open M-Fr 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

LIBRARY

AFNorth

DSN 364-2669,

CIV 0455.26.24.69

Open: T-W: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.,

Th-Fr 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,

Sa-Su Noon-4 p.m., Closed Mondays.

HARRY'S BBQ

Schinnen

DSN 360-7527;

CIV 0464.43.72.57,

Open W 11 a.m.-8 p.m.,

Th-Fr 2-8 p.m.

Sa 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and

Su Noon-4 p.m.

**PIN POINT CAFÉ**

Schinnen

DSN 360-7527;

CIV 0464.43.75.27

Open: W-Fr 11 a.m.-8 p.m.,

Sa 11 a.m.-6 p.m.,

Closed Su-T.

SATO TRAVEL

Schinnen

DSN 360-7385;

CIV 0464.43.74.82

Open: M, T, W, Fr 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Th 8 a.m.-8 p.m.,

Closed Sa, Su and Dutch Holidays.

VAT TAX RELIEF OFFICE

Schinnen

DSN 360-1780;

CIV 0464.43.17.80,

Open: M-Fr 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Brunssum

CIV 045-526-3121, call for an appointment.

MOVIE THEATER/ALLIANCE

AFNorth

DSN 364-2110;

CIV 0455.26.21.10

Open Friday-Sundays

Box Office Opens 6:30 p.m.,

Movie at 7 p.m.,

Saturday Matinee at 4 p.m.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

AFNorth

DSN 364-2454;

CIV 0455.26.24.54

Open: T and Th 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

and 6:30-9 p.m., and

W 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITIES**Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) Information**

To ease the transition from soldier to civilian the 80th ASG Army Community Service offers career transition workshops throughout the BENELUX. The workshop provides important information and resources for soldiers, civilian employees, and family members who are either in the process of leaving federal service or who have recently transitioned. This workshop covers such topics as career planning, self assessment, job search techniques, resume writing and much more. This Army Career and Alumni Program or ACAP workshop will be offered at NSA Brussels on November 2 and 3 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sign up today, call ACS.

**Brussels**

DSN 368-9735

SHAPE

DSN 423-4904

Schinnen

DSN 360-7269

OTHER COMMUNITY MAGAZINES**Connection Magazine**

An authorized unofficial monthly magazine for MWR activities throughout Europe.

SHAPE Community Life

An authorized unofficial magazine published every two weeks for SHAPE community activities.

New to the Community?

Here are programs in the community that are available to newcomers and those interested in learning more about the community where they live and work.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

80th ASG Newcomer's Briefing On Nov 4, get an overview of the community. Come to the Hotel Le Maisieres at 8:30 a.m. for a complete overview. Call DSN 423-4332 for more details. After the briefing, all participants get a free lunch thanks to our MWR commercial sponsor, "United Furniture." There is no federal endorsement of the sponsor.

LAB Learning about Belgium is a free newcomers' orientation on Nov 15, 16 and 18 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. starting at the IC Club on SHAPE. It is open to all SHAPE ID card holders 12 years and older. Includes a trip to Mons and a reception at the Mons Town Hall, hosted by the Mayor. Sign up by calling DSN 423-4269 or CIV 06544.42.69.

French HEADSTART For SHAPE/Chievres community, Nov 15-26 8:30-11:30 a.m., Building 212, Room 130. HEADSTART is a 30 hour introduction to the French language and Belgian culture. Instructors are native speakers of French. The course is mandatory for all USAREUR soldiers E1 to O5. Other active duty military and adult family members may attend on a space available basis. If there is still space available, then the openings may be filled by any member of the NATO/SHAPE Community. There is no fee and a textbook is provided. You may make phone reservations for any of the course dates listed above by calling the Education Centre at SHAPE, DSN 423-3466; NSA, DSN 365-9704.

Take the Train Learn all about the Belgian Train System on Friday, Nov 26. Call DSN 423-4332 to sign up.

Take the Bus Learn all about the Belgian Bus System held the same afternoon as the 80th ASG Newcomer Brief on Nov 4.

W.E.B. Office "Welcoming Everyone To Belgium" located in the Hotel Le Maisieres and is open M-Fr 9 a.m.-Noon.

Rendez-vous with French Learn some key words and phrases in the French Language on Nov 23 at the Hotel Le Maisieres from 9:30 a.m.-Noon. Sign up for this free introductory class at DSN 423-7598 or DSN 366-6252.

Language Center Wonderful opportunity to learn another language and if you sign up within your first six months in the community receive 50%. The center is located on SHAPE in building 211. Call DSN 423-4971 or CIV 06544.49.71 for more info.

Cultural Adaptation Trip Call ACS at DSN 423-4332 to find out details on the next trip scheduled for Dec 6. Trips vary depending on the season...look for trips to the Brussels Christmas Market or how about shopping discount warehouse. Let ACS introduce you to the Belgian culture.

Job Opportunities Workshop Every Wednesday morning, ACS provides a workshop to help those who are looking for employment. This workshop walks you through all the steps. You must register, call DSN 423-4904.

NSA BRUSSELS

French HEADSTART Class NSA Education Center, Nov 29 -Dec 10. To sign up call DSN 365-9704 or CIV 02717.97.04

Free Computer Classes Learn or enhance your computer skills with free ACS computer classes. Classes are as follows: MS Word on Nov 15 from 8 a.m.-Noon, MS Excel on Nov 16 from 8 a.m.-Noon, MS PowerPoint and MS Outlook on Nov 15 1-5 p.m, MS Access on Nov 16 from 1-5 p.m. All classes are held in the NSA Computer Lab. Space is limited so advance sign up is required by calling 02717.97.83.

Metro Madness Class Newcomers learn how to use the public transportation system on Nov 10 from 9.30 a.m.-2.30 p.m. Call ACS at DSN 368-9783 or CIV 02717.97.83 to sign up.

SCHINNEN

Town Hall Scheduled for Nov 4 at 6 p.m. at the Schinnen Sports Center. Call DSN 360-7512 for more details.

Newcomer's Briefing Scheduled for Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at ACS. Call DSN 360-7512.

NSA Brussels Bazaar Tombola Tickets

The NATO Bazaar is Sunday, Nov 21 from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.. The US Spouses' NATO Bazaar Craft Group will be selling tombola tickets at NSA from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Nov 1. Tickets also sold at NATO (near ING bank) on Nov 15 from 9-11 a.m. and on Nov 19 from 1-3 p.m. Tickets are €2.50 each. Prizes include wine, quilts, restaurant gift certificates, airline tickets and much more. If you would like more ticket information or are interested in joining the Craft Group, please email vickieg76@hotmail.com.



Civilian Phone Code

When dialing a military telephone number or DSN from a civilian telephone, convert the DSN prefix: Locate the DSN number and correct city such as 361-5904 (Chievres).

The civilian number would be 068 (city code) 27 (civilian prefix) 5904 (last 4 of DSN).

DSN	CITY	CODE	CIV	PREFIX
365	Brussels	02	7079	last 3
368	Brussels	02	7179	last 3
361	Chievres	068	27	last 4
366	SHAPE	065	32	last 4
423	SHAPE	065	44	last 4
360	Schinnen	003146	443	last 4
364	Schinnen	003145	526	last 4

For emergencies call:

Ambulance 112 (Netherlands/Belgium)

Fire 100 (Belgium)

Police 101 (Belgium)

SHAPE 065.44.33.33

MP on Base 114 (All Communities)

Important Community Phone Numbers

AAFES	
AAFES NSA Brussels	368-9789
AAFES Chievres	361-5100
AAFES Schinnen	360-7586
Rotterdam Annex	362-2359

Armed Forces Network (AFN)	423-4121
AFN Radio Frequencies	
Brussels	101.7 FM
Chievres	107.9 FM
SHAPE	104.2 FM, 106.5 FM
Schinnen	89.2 FM

Cinema	
AFNorth/Brunssum	0455262110
Geilenkirchen	0049024518785
SHAPE	423-5600

Civilian Personnel Office (NAF)	361-5319
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Commissary	
Chievres	361-5044
Schinnen	360-7513

Computer Help Desk	
Brussels	365-9741
Chievres	361-5238
Schinnen	360-7403
SHAPE	423-7251

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)	
Chievres	361-5057
Schinnen	364-6243

Finance Office	
AFNorth/Brunssum	364-3597
Brussels	368-9732/9783
SHAPE	423-5211
Dial-a-Rate	423-3601
(SHAPE and NSA only)	

Healthcare Facility	
Geilenkirchen	00492451993200
NATO (Brussels)	368-9500
SHAPE	423-7895

MWR Office	
Brussels	368-9753
Chievres	361-5246
Schinnen	360-7424
SHAPE	423-4269

Public Affairs Office	361-5419
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For non-emergencies call:

American Red Cross	
Geilenkirchen AB	00492451631
SHAPE	423-4008

Military Police	
Brussels	368-9769
Chievres	361-5301
Schinnen	360-7555
SHAPE	423-3333/3334

Other Community Information Sources

MWR Europe - Connection Magazine
SHAPE MWR - Community Life Magazine
80th ASG PAO - Meteor-Heraut (formally known as the Benelux Meteor)
AFNorth - Northern Star
The Brussels Weekly - U.S. Embassy weekly newsletter.

Travel Information

For online links to European travel sources to include SATO Travel Europe, Armed Forces Vacation Clubs, train and bus schedules, visit www.80asg.army.mil and click on Community and then Travel. Happy Trails!



www.afnorth.nato.int

Joint Force Command Brunssum

www.afnorthlibrary.benelux.army.mil

library source

www.nato.int

Northern Atlantic Treaty Organization

www.nato.int/structur/recruit/index.htm

NATO Brussels vacancies

www.afno-is.eu.odedodea.edu

AFNorth International School

www.brus-ehs.eu.odedodea.edu/index.htm

Brussels International School

www.shap-hs.eu.odedodea.edu

SHAPE International High School

www.shap-es.eu.odedodea.edu

SHAPE International Elementary School

www.80asg.army.mil

provides information concerning the 80th Area Support Group

www.shapeonline.net

provides MWR information for programs and services available on SHAPE and open to the international community.

www.brussels.army.mil

provides community event information for NSA Brussels community.

www.afneurope.net/SHAPE

provides Armed Forces Network Europe information including news and special events information.

www.us.army.mil

links to Army Knowledge On-line

www.tricare.osd.mil

links to US DoD Health Care System

<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

manage pay information, leave and earning statements and more

www.chrma.hqsareur.army.mil

provides information on General Schedule and Non-appropriated jobs in the BENELUX

www.nato.int/shape/community/civpers/office.htm

provides information on SHAPE NATO available jobs.



Do you know about ICE online?

The Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system is a web-based customer evaluation tool provided throughout the Department of Defense (DoD). Rate your praises or concerns about a facility or program and get quick feedback. Read site reports to find out what others have shared, too! Facility managers want to hear from you, so use ICE and provide feedback. Web site:

<http://ice.disa.mil/>

GET THOSE HOLIDAY PACKED MAILED



Make sure that you get your packages to the post office in time to ensure that the folks back in the States receive your gifts by Christmas.

During the holiday shopping season, things can get pretty hectic and living overseas makes it that much harder. Planning is the key to ensuring a worry free postal experience.

To ensure packages reach your relatives in one piece, ensure you are aware of packaging options, customs forms needed, and mailing deadlines.

For packaging, choose boxes with enough space for the item and some cushioning. Once it is packed for shipping, shake it. If you hear anything moving, you need more padding. For extra protection, you may want to enclose all items in plastic to ensure that clothes and other items do not become damaged by mildew from a wet box. Boxes with logos or writing should be covered in brown paper to avoid any confusion. Use brown or clear tape and completely cover all folds and corners to prevent the package from getting caught on something and tearing. Write your name and return address clearly. You may even want to include a sheet of paper with your address on it inside the box just in case.

All packages require a custom form itemizing the contents. All items must be listed including clothing. And you must list each item of clothing. Be sure the package does not include banned items such as meat products, live plants, Cuban cigars, and alcohol beverages, even candies with alcohol.

Okay, now the packing is done and the labels are affixed, when should you get it to the post office? In order to ensure that those items get back to the USA in time for Christmas, mailing deadlines in Europe are as follows: Space Available Mail (SAM) is November 20, Partial Airlift (PAL) is December 4, Regular/Priority is December 11 and Express mail is December 18.

CHECK WRITING

It is no longer be possible to float a check. A new law went into effect on 28 Oct and all checks are now cleared electronically within minutes... even at night, even on weekends.

If pay day is on Monday and you write a check at the PX on Saturday please don't assume it won't clear before your paycheck is in because you will be wrong and that check will bounce. And you will be charged overdraft fees.

Make sure funds are available before you write a check. For more info, go to the following website:

<http://www.consumersunion.org/finance/ckclear1002.htm>

POST OFFICES

SHAPE

Open M-Fr 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Beginning November 20 and ends December 18, in addition to normal operating hours, the post office will be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m.- Noon.
DSN 423-5164
(make appointments if sending 5 or more packages)
Credit and Debit Card Service Available

CHIEVRES

Opens on October 26 and closes on December 17, the post office will be open T- Fr from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (No credit or debit card service available)

SCHINNEN

Open M-Fr 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Beginning November 15 through December 18, in addition to normal operating hours, the post office will be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-Noon.
DSN 360-7249
(make appointments if sending 5 or more packages)
Credit and Debit Card Service Available

BRUSSELS

Open M-W 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,
Th 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and
Fr 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
DSN 368-9871
(make appointments if sending 5 or more packages)
Credit and Debit Service Available

Holiday Tree Lighting

Friday, 3 December

Starts 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Tree
Lighting Ceremony
Chievres Air Base
Community Activity
Center (Hangar #4)

6:00 p.m.

Free Photos with
Santa, PX Main
Entrance

AAFES Holiday Bazaar
opens Fri, 3 Dec and
continues through to
Sun, 5 Dec.

Enter the MWR Holiday
Drawing and be eligible
to win some great
prizes!



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